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**BALTIMORE MAN CONVICTED FOR ILLEGAL POSSESSION
OF A GUN AND AMMUNITION**

BALTIMORE, Maryland - United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein announces that today a federal jury convicted Wallace White, age 25, of Baltimore of being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition.

Testimony at trial showed that on July 6, 2005 Baltimore City police officers observed White walking down the 1600 block of Cliftview Avenue holding a handgun in his waistband. The officers approached, and White fled on foot. As he ran, he tossed the magazine of the gun onto the sidewalk and the gun itself in an alley. Officers pursued White and arrested him a few blocks away, just minutes later. They recovered the gun and magazine shortly thereafter. The gun had a .380 caliber round of ammunition in the firing chamber. The magazine was loaded with six rounds of the same .380 caliber ammunition.

White faces a maximum sentence of between ten years and life in prison and a \$250,000 fine for the illegal possession of a gun and ammunition, depending on whether he is found to be an armed career criminal. U.S. District Judge William D. Quarles, Jr. has scheduled sentencing for May 23rd. The defendant is detained without bail.

United States Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein praised the investigative work performed by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Baltimore City Police Department. Mr. Rosenstein also thanked Assistant U.S. Attorneys Stephanie A. Gallagher and Paul M. Tiao, who are prosecuting the case.